

## Academic Panel:

### 1. Law

- Perry Moriearty, U of M Law School, focus on Race and Criminal Justice
- Michael Tonry, U of M Law School, Director of Institute on Crime and Public Policy, Minnesota Justice Foundation
- Myron Orfield, American Law Professor at U of M former non-resident senior fellow at Brookings Institute, recommended by other professor, Director of Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity
- Richard Frase, U of M Law School, Founder of Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.
- Emily Baxter (Author - We Are All Criminals) former Fellow at the University of Minnesota Law School's Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.

### 2. Criminal Justice

- James Densley, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University, author of "Minnesota's Criminal Justice System" has written about 21st century policing

### 3. History, Culture, and Civil Rights

- Duchess Harris, Macalester, Professor of American Studies, Department Chair at Macalester College in St. Paul. Studies 20th Century African American Political History and Civil Rights
- Dr. Louis Porter, II: Dr. Louis Porter II is the Executive Director of the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage (CMAH), formerly known as the Council on Black Minnesotans. Porter, who is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, has worked and lived in the Twin Cities area for over 30 years.
- Michael Birchard Chief Diversity and Affirmative Action Officer at North Hennepin Community College and member of Cultural and ethnic Communities Leadership Council-Minnesota (CECLC)
- Dr. Pierre-Damien Mvuyekure is Professor of English and African American literature in the Department of Languages and Literatures at University of Northern Iowa. His areas of expertise are, but not limited to American Renaissance, Multicultural Literature, Post-Colonial Literatures and Theory, African Dance in Literature, African Literature and Dance, African American Literature, African American Women Writers, The Harlem Renaissance and Blues, Jazz, Rap Music in African American Literature and Film.

### 4. Psychology

- Thomas Campion— (Campion Barrow and Associates) Campion is one of several psychologists retained regularly by Minnesota law enforcement agencies to conduct psychological evaluations of law enforcement personnel. He could inform the committee on the importance of psychological factors that should be addressed in the hiring and training of law enforcement personnel.
- Gary Fishler—(Fishler & Associates). Another psychologist who is in the same field as Campion and could be a witness in the same area.

## Community Panel:

1. Racial Justice
  - a. Jason Sole (Minneapolis NAACP, President)
  - b. Yusef Mgeni (St. Paul NAACP)
  - c. Other NAACP (perhaps state chapter president)
  - d. Vina Kay or Ashley Fairbanks from Voices for Racial Justice (<http://voicesforracialjustice.org/>)
2. Native American Community
  - a. Regional Native Public Defense (<http://rnpdc.org/>)
  - b. Robert Lilligren (Little Earth of United Tribes Housing Corporation)
3. Hmong American Partnership
4. Somali Community
  - a. Somali Justice Advocacy Center
  - b. Fartun Weli, Executive Director of Isuroon—meaning ‘independent woman’ in Somali, Isuroon is an organization of 16,000 members that is committed to improving the health and social mobility of Somali women in Minnesota through health education, communication, and advocacy to create policy change.
5. Police Relations/Criminal Justice Reform
  - a. ACLU of Minnesota, Representative
  - b. Justin Terrell (Take Action MN, Criminal Justice Reform)
  - c. D’Narius Lewis (Brooklyn Park Police Relations Advocate)
  - d. Michelle Gross (Communities United Against Police Brutality)
  - e. Anthony Newby, Neighborhoods Organizing for Change (racial and economic justice, police accountability advocates: <http://www.mnnoc.org/>)
  - f. The Advocates for Human Rights: <http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/>
6. LGBTQ
  - a. Roxanne Anderson (Outfront Minnesota, LGBTQ advocacy)
  - b. Ce Ce McDonald (Transgender Advocate)
7. Youth
  - a. Anne DeGroot (Youth Coordinating Board)
  - b. Ms. Bediako, the founder and creator of WE WIN received the 2002 National Education Association’s Trentholm Award, which is awarded to only two educators in the United States in recognition of her educational innovations and dedication to at-risk youth. Since gaining her Master Degree and retiring from teaching in public schools, she has put all of her time and energy into creating change for the youth of tomorrow.
8. Faith Community
  - a. Bishop Richard Howell (Shiloh Temple)
  - b. Pamela Cook esq.—womanist scholar-activist, studying divinity at United Theological Seminar of Twin Cities, part of Lyndale clergy team/youth minister, artist supporting Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, facilitator for AntiRacism Dialogue Circles
  - c. Pastor Danny Givens—pastor at Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul, provides as pastoral liaison to BLM Minneapolis, family connection to Philando Castile

- d. Lena Gardner – development director of Unitarian universalist congregation, supported black lives matter Minneapolis with intersectional organizing, move for racial justice intersection of LGBTQ, people of faith, allies, etc.
- 9. Community Development
  - a. Julie Leerson (Minneapolis Promise Zone, city government)
  - b. Lou Bellamy is the founder and Co-Artistic Director of Penumbra Theatre Company in Saint Paul, Minnesota. During his thirty-nine year tenure, Penumbra has evolved into one of America’s premier theaters dedicated to dramatic exploration of the African American experience
  - c. Vayong Moua is a Senior Advocacy and Health Equity Principal at the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. He has also held positions at the American Cancer Society and Achieve! Minneapolis. He has worked with Minneapolis Public Schools as a Story Teller working with the program to Preserve Culture through Story Telling.

#### Law Enforcement Panel:

- 1. City
  - a. Minneapolis
    - i. Janee Harteau (Minneapolis Police Chief)
    - ii. Sgt. Friestleben (Minneapolis Police)
    - iii. Charlie Adams (Minneapolis Police)
    - iv. The head Minneapolis Police Federation, Lt. Bob Kroll.
  - b. St. Paul
    - i. Todd Axtell, St. Paul Police Chief, met with Obama to discuss policing
  - c. Maplewood Police
    - i. Chief Paul Schnell
  - d. Kenyon Police
    - i. Chief Lee Sjolander, 21st century policing
  - e. Proctor Police
    - i. Chief Walter Wobig, 21st century policing
- 2. County
  - a. Ramsey County
  - b. Hennepin County
    - ii. Richard Stanek, Hennepin County Sheriff—accepted 21st century police recommendations
- 3. Bob Fletcher— Fletcher is a former City of St. Paul police officer and former Ramsey County Sheriff. He was recently elected Mayor of Vadnais Heights MN. He would be excellent on the importance of hiring and training criteria and programs for those entering the law enforcement field, as well as the importance of community policing.

### Judicial:

1. Hennepin County
  - a. Judge Kevin Burke, Hennepin County, Fourth Judicial District
  - b. Judge Michael Browne (Hennepin County District Court)
  - c. Maria Mitchell (Hennepin County Public Defender)
  - d. Mike Freeman (Hennepin County Attorney)
  - e. Public Defenders – Mary Moriarty, Chief Hennepin County Public Defender  
(<http://www.hennepin.us/residents/public-safety/public-defender>)
2. Ramsey County
  - a. John Choi (Ramsey County Attorney)
  - b. Andrea Brown (Ramsey County Public Defender)
3. Federal
  - a. Michael Davis, Senior Us District Judge of District of Minnesota, background in civil rights
  - b. Katherine Roe (Public Defender in Minnesota Federal District Court)

### Government Panel:

1. Mark Dayton, Minnesota Governor
  - o Jill Esch (Office Of The Ombudsperson For Families, State of Minnesota)
2. State legislature
  - o Ron Latz, DFL--member of Minnesota Senate, police body camera bill
  - o Peggy Scott, (R) representative in House, police body camera bill
  - o Tony Cornish, (R) representative in House, police body camera bill
  - o Bobby Joe Champion (Minnesota State Senate, DFL)
  - o State Senator Scott Dibble (DFL)
3. St. Paul
  - o Chris Coleman, St. Paul Mayor, met with Obama to discuss 21<sup>st</sup> century policing
4. Minneapolis
  - o Abdi Warsame (Minneapolis City Council – Ward 6)
  - o Blong Yang (Minneapolis City Council – Ward 5)

## Proposed Schedule Options

### **Schedule A (5 Panels)**

#### ***Opening Remarks (8-8:15am)***

Panel 1: (8:15-9:30am)

Panel 2: (9:45am-11:00am)

Panel 3: (11:15am-12:30pm)

#### ***Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)***

Panel 4: (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Panel 5: (3:00pm – 4:15pm)

Open Forum (4:20-5:00pm)

#### ***Closing Remarks (5pm)***

### **Schedule B (4 Panels)**

#### ***Opening Remarks (9:00am-9:15am)***

Panel 1: (9:15am-10:30am)

Panel 2: (10:45am-12:00pm)

Open Forum I: (12:05-12:30pm)

#### ***Break (12:30pm-1:30pm)***

Panel 3: (1:30pm-2:45pm)

Panel 4: (3:00pm-4:15pm)

Open Forum II: (4:20pm-5:00pm)

#### ***Closing Remarks (5:00pm)***